

(West Palm Beach, FL) ---- Congressman Allen West (FL-22) today held his first meeting with his Veterans Advisory Committee of the 22nd Congressional District of Florida.

The Veterans Advisory Committee consists of veterans who served the United States in the Armed Forces from World War II to the military actions in Iraq. These individuals represent several veterans advocacy groups throughout South Florida.

From healthcare to rehabilitation to family support services, the Veterans Advisory Committee will serve an important role in helping Congressman West bring issues to the attention of the United States Congress.

"Many of our veterans and their families have spent their lives sacrificing for their country and it is the responsibility of our federal government to make sure they are honored and taken care of when they return home," West said. "The members of the Veterans Advisory Committee are our scouts, and my eyes and ears on the ground, who will enable me to focus my efforts and energy on pertinent veterans issues. The goal is to make sure that as long as I am in Congress, our veterans will never be forgotten."

The members of the Veterans Advisory Committee are as follows:

Hank Rivera

Charley Price

William J. McConnell Sr.

John Mac

Mark Llano

Mishelle Kochel

Jerry Klein

Mary Ann Hedrick

Ed Greenfield

Roy Foster

Craig Carr

Richard Little

Phillip Greenberg

Sherrill Valdes

Connie Christensen

Bill Kling

Loretta Young

Giovanni Ocampo

\*Congressman West serves as a member of the House Armed Services Committee and is a 22 year veteran of the United States Army.